

are ashamed; man's power
gladly
surrenders itself to her
powerlessness,
and she takes her shelter in
the
strongholds of our own
hearts*

First Brahmin

We must have audience
with our
King, to tell him that a
snake has
raised its poisonous hood from
his own
nest, and is aiming at the
heart of
our sacred religion.

Supriya

Religion ? I *am* stupid. I do
not
understand you. Tell me,
sir, is it
your religion that claims the
banish-
ment of an innocent girl ?

First Brahmin

You are a marplot,
Supriya, you
are ever a hindrance to all
our enter-
prises.